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In re application of : OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Kahoru TSUJIMOTO et al. : Docket No. 2001-0210A
Serial No. 09/763,964 : Group Art Unit 1744
Filed May 30, 2001 : Examiner Krisanne Marie Thorton

ANTI-MICROBIAL STERILIZER AND
REFRIGERATOR HAVING ANTI-MICROBIAL
STERILIZER

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The issue fee for the above-identified application was paid on July 14, 2004. However, an Office Action with the new prior art references was recently cited in a corresponding foreign application.

Accordingly, it is hereby petitioned that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed as part of an RCE for the above-identified application.

A copy of the RCE and Information Disclosure Statement, except for a copy of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449, accompany this Petition. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 are being supplied directly to Group Art Unit 1744 (i.e., the Art Unit in which the application has been examined) along with the original RCE and IDS.

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